formed at the bottom portion of the outer cushioned layer; and

a coupling operable to attach the apparatus to a golf bag ~~in such a manner that the opening of the outer cushioned layer is positioned generally downwardly to prevent downwardly falling rain from entering the opening of the outer cushioned layer and wetting the absorbent member~~, wherein the grip on the shaft of the golf club may be inserted into the opening of the outer cushioned layer and into the internal volume of the outer cushioned layer, the outer cushioned layer operable to be squeezed until it is deformed to contact the moisture absorbent member with the grip on the shaft of the golf club while a portion of the shaft of the golf club is positioned within the opening of the outer cushioned layer without the opening being sealingly engaged around the portion of the shaft of the golf club positioned within the opening, ~~wherein the outer cushioned layer is operable to return to its original shape after being squeezed and to allow the golf club to be removed from the internal volume of the outer cushioned layer.~~

45. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 44, wherein the moisture absorbent member is rectangular shaped and is positioned within the internal volume of the outer cushioned layer in a folded position.

46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 44, further comprising a cloth material positioned over the exterior surface of the outer cushioned layer.

47. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 44, wherein the outer cushioned layer is a closed-cell foam.

48. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 44, further comprising:

a logo displayed on the exterior surface of the outer cushioned layer.

49. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 44, wherein the outer cushioned layer includes ventilation openings that extend from the exterior surface of the outer cushioned layer to the interior surface of the outer cushioned layer, and wherein the ventilation openings of the outer cushioned layer are not substantially waterproof.

50. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 44, wherein the outer cushioned layer is nylon.

51. (Canceled)

52. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 44, wherein the outer cushioned layer is rubber.

53. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 44, wherein the outer cushioned layer is plastic.

54. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 44, wherein the outer cushioned layer is made of one of the group consisting of polyvinyl chloride, neoprene, polyolefin, vinyl/nitrile, ~~ARMAFLEX, RUBATEX,~~ and polyurethane.

55. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 44, further comprising:

a compound positioned in the moisture absorbent member to impart a tacky grip.

56. (Canceled)

57. (Currently Amended) A method for conditioning a grip on a shaft of a golf club, the method comprising:

positioning an apparatus to condition the grip on the shaft of the golf club on a golf bag, the apparatus including:

an outer cushioned layer that includes a top portion, a bottom portion, an interior surface, an opening formed at the bottom portion, an internal volume defined as the volume bordered by the interior surface of the outer cushioned layer and the opening of the outer cushioned layer, and an exterior surface, wherein the outer cushioned layer is substantially waterproof such that water may not easily directly pass through the outer cushioned layer from the exterior surface of the outer cushioned layer to the interior surface of the outer cushioned layer,

~~an~~ a moisture absorbent member positioned within the internal volume of the outer cushioned layer, the moisture absorbent member operable to receive the grip on the shaft of the golf club through the

opening formed at the bottom portion of the outer cushioned layer, and

a coupling operable to attach the apparatus to a golf bag ~~in such a manner that the opening of the outer cushioned layer is positioned generally downwardly to prevent downwardly falling rain from entering the opening of the outer cushioned layer and wetting the absorbent member~~, wherein the grip on the shaft of the golf club may be inserted into the opening of the outer cushioned layer and into the internal volume of the outer cushioned layer, the outer cushioned layer operable to be squeezed until it is deformed to contact the moisture absorbent member with the grip on the shaft of the golf club while a portion of the shaft of the golf club is positioned within the opening of the outer cushioned layer~~, wherein the outer cushioned layer is operable to return to its original shape after being squeezed and to allow the golf club to be removed from the internal volume of the outer cushioned layer~~;

inserting the grip on the shaft of the golf club into the internal volume of the outer cushioned layer through the opening formed at the bottom portion of the outer cushioned layer;

contacting the moisture absorbent member, which is positioned within the internal volume of the outer cushioned layer, with the grip on the shaft of the golf club by applying a pressure to the exterior surface of the outer cushioned layer to cause at least a portion of an area of the moisture absorbent member to contact the grip on the shaft of the golf club; and

removing the grip on the shaft of the golf club from the internal volume of the outer cushioned layer.